GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Appeal - Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) presently working as Tahsildar Collectorate, Bapatla - making irregular mutations in web land- Article of Charges-WSD submitted - Inquiry Officer appointed- Inquiry report submitted - Imposed a punishment of "Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar Cadre" - Appeal filed - Admitted -Punishment Revoked- Imposed a punishment of 'withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect' duly restoring to the original cadre of Tahsildar - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1008

Dated:01.11.2023
Read the following:

1. CCLA's Proceedings No.REV02-28/209/2022, Dt:21.11.2022
2. CCLA's Proceedings No.REV02-28/209/2022 (e.1892779), Dt:30.06.2023.
3. Appeal petition dt:08.07.2023 of Smt K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) presently working as Tahsildar Collectorate, Bapatla.
4. Govt.Memo.No. REV01-LANA0COUC/1366/2023-SECY-LANDS, Dt:24/07/2023
5. Remarks of the CCLA in the e-file bearing Comp.No.1892779)
6. Memo.No.REV01- LANA0COUC/1366/2023-SECY-LANDS-VIG.III(2), Dt:11.10.2023

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that in the reference 1st read above disciplinary proceedings were instituted against Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) on the allegation of issuing mutation orders without following the procedure laid down in Section 5 of the A.P. Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act 1971 etc. After following the due procedure under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, as the allegations are held proved against against Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M), the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P. issued orders imposing a major penalty of "Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar Cadre" against her, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders issued by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) presently working as Tahsildar Collectorate, Bapatla has filed an appeal petition before the Government, stating that the impugned proceedings do not discuss the gravity of the charges and the punishment awarded is very harsh and disproportionate to the charges levelled. There was no need to award a major punishment like reversion to lower post, because there is no loss caused either to the department or a third party. Finally, she has requested to set aside the order of the CCLA and passed such other orders necessary in the interest of justice.

3. In the reference 4th read above, while sending a copy of the appeal petition, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P was requested to examine the contents of the appeal petition filed by Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) and furnish a report along with specific remarks and connected records to take further action in the matter. Accordingly, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri, has submitted the connected records and stated that the orders issued by CCLA & Special C.S. is self explanatory. The appellant has been given an opportunity of personal hearing to put forth his contentions before the appellate authority and personal hearing was held on 16.10.2023.

4. Government, after careful examination of the entire record and after heard the pleadings of the Officer, allowed the appeal and it is opined that the punishment of "Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar Cadre" to be excessive. Hence, it is decided to impose a punishment of stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect against Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) duly restoring to the Original cadre of Tahsildar.

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5. Accordingly, Government have hereby revoke the punishment of "Reversion to Deputy Tahsildar Cadre" imposed by the CCLA in reference 2nd read above against Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) presently working as Tahsildar Collectorate, Bapatla, by imposing a punishment of "withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect' against her duly restoring to the Original cadre of Tahsildar, under Rule 37 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A), Rules,1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Smt.K.Sujatha, former Tahsildar, Vatticherukuru (M) presently working as Tahsildar Collectorate, Bapatla ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:
The Collector & District Magistrate, Bapatla District,
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER